SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE

PROCEEDINGS

RE: SHELLEY FOX, LPN

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

License No. P010132

Licensee.

WHEREAS, Shelley Fox, ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license number P010132; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 17, 2017, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") was contacted by the Licensee's employer, a long-term care facility, alleging false documentation and not providing blood glucose monitoring for residents; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the records, it was noted that eight blood glucose readings were not found on the glucometer, but were documented in patient records by the Licensee; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 18, 2017, two blood glucose readings were not found on the glucometer, but were documented in patient records (information cannot be deleted off of the glucometers); and

WHEREAS, based upon the above, Licensee was terminated from her employment and a complaint was made to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board, upon review, offered to enter into an agreed upon disposition to address the matter. The Board and its attorney attempted communication with the Licensee via mail and telephone calls. Numerous voice messages were left for Licensee in regard to an

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agreed-upon disposition of the complaint. Licensee did not make any contact with the Board or the Board's attorney following multiple attempts to contact her; and

WHEREAS, based upon the above, the Board concludes that the public health, safety, and welfare imperatively requires emergency action in that Licensee's actions constitutes unprofessional conduct that may endanger the health and safety of persons entrusted to her care and that Licensee's license should be summarily suspended; and

WHEREAS, the Board, has a statutory obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare set forth in SDCL §36-9, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. That the Board has jurisdiction of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.
- 2. That based on the above, the Board specifically finds that the public health, safety and welfare require emergency action against Licensee's license.
- 3. That based on the above, the Board specifically finds that the actions of the Licensee endanger the public health, safety and welfare, and imperatively require emergency action in that Licensee may endanger the health and safety of those persons who are or will be entrusted to her care in the future and that these are matters of a nature that would constitute further grounds for discipline of her license to practice nursing under SDCL § 36-9-49 (5), (7) and (10).

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4. Based upon these findings, Licensee's license to practice nursing in South Dakota is hereby summarily suspended. Licensee may petition according to SDCL § 36-9-57 for reinstatement of her license at any time for "good cause."

- 5. That Licensee shall turn in her license to the Board within ten (10) days from the date of this Order and it shall be kept by the Board until further action on this matter.
- 6. Licensee is hereby notified that any practice of or holding herself out as a registered nurse during the terms of this Order of Summary Suspension is a violation of SDCL § 36-9-68.
- 7. This action is reportable discipline and will be published in the Board's newsletter and posted on its website and reported into the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) as required by law.

The South Board of Nursing met on the 16th day of November, 2017, and approved this Order of Summary Suspension by a vote of 10-0, and issues its Order of Summary Suspension consistent herein as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above is adopted as an Order of the South Dakota Board of Nursing this _6_ day of December, 2017.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS

Executive Director

NOTICE OF HEARING

The South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") pursuant to SDCL §§ 1-26-16, 1-26-27, and 1-26-29, hereby provides this Notice of Hearing to Shelley Fox, LPN, License No. P010132 ("Licensee") as follows:

- 1. Hearing on the Order of Summary Suspension will take place before the Board on February 9, 2017, at 10:00 A.m. at the office of the South Dakota Board of Nursing, 4305 S. Louise Avenue, Suite 201, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
 - 2. This matter is an adversarial proceeding and Licensee has the right to be present at the hearing and to be represented by an attorney. These due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised at the hearing.
 - 3. The hearing will address the Board's assertion, as set forth in its Summary Suspension, that the Licensee, by her conduct, violated SDCL §§ 36-9-49 (5), (7) and (10).
- 4. At the hearing, the Board will determine whether the Licensee's license shall be suspended, revoked or subject to other disciplinary action as determined by the evidence presented.
- 5. Licensee has a right to request that the agency use the Office of Hearing Examiners for this proceeding by giving notice of the request to the Board no later than ten (10) days after the service of this Notice of Hearing on Order of Summary Suspension.
- 6. A decision issued by the Board after the hearing may be appealed to the circuit court and to the state Supreme Court as provided by law.

Dated this 6 day of December, 2017.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Executive Director